Festival of Learning Showcase

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Strategic theme: Rich, interactive learning experience

Subject Title: Row AHEAD: Clontarf to Curtin
A case study in educational outreach and community partnerships

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Brief Description: Row AHEAD: Clontarf to Curtin was a pilot outreach program run by Curtin AHEAD in 2014. The pilot program successfully reengaged disengaged high school students, from Clontarf Aboriginal College, with their formal education and learning, developing their self-efficacy while raising awareness and aspirations toward undertaking studies at higher education institutions. This presentation will explore the mentoring, coaching and tutoring components of the program. The Row AHEAD program utilises the sport of rowing in an innovative approach, acting as the vessel for the reengagement activities to occur. Rowing has been selected as the vehicle for this program due to the history and culture of the sport, as well as the low levels of previous participation in the sport by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples. This presentation will also explore the overlap with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in HE. The participants in the pilot in 2014 were also recognised as the first crews to take part in a state regatta, which were comprised entirely by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

Benefits: Highlights the impact that educational outreach programs can have, beyond the commonly identifiable increases to academic performance. Highlights the relationship that Curtin University has with Clontarf Aboriginal College, and the wider community. Examines a unique way that Curtin is meeting elements of the RAP.

Time/Day: Thursday 19 March 2015, 10:00 – 10:30am

Duration: 30 minutes (20 minute presentation with 10 minutes of discussion/questions)

No. of Sessions: One

Venue: Building 300:Room 219

Special Requirements: Access to a computer and projector